



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary October 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arthur Edmunds and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from September 19, 2016 was approved. (motion by T. Printz-Platnick; seconded by D. Barnes).

**Update from the County Council-** Deputy Chief of Staff to Councilmember Rice, Sharon St. Pierre, mentioned that Councilmember Rice will have a community meeting on November 26, 2016. Councilmember Hucker's Chief of Staff, Dave Kunes, updated the board of other Council activities.

**Update from Upcounty Regional Director** – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that the board now had four new members: Andrew Dibonge (Clarksburg); Thomas Ferleman (Germantown); Cheng Tu (Shady Grove/North Rockville); and Alan Young (Gaithersburg). Mr. Dibonge and Mr. Tu were in attendance. Board members Tobi Printz-Platnick, Linda Moore and Kraig Walsleben were also reappointed for another term. Director Matthews mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony of the North Potomac Recreation Center and stated it was one of the largest turnouts for such a ceremony. The County Executive will hold an online town hall meeting on October 25, 2016 from 2-3pm. Early voting starts on October 27, 2016. Director Matthews also mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Clarksburg Premium Outlets, set to open on October 27, 2016.

#### **Discussion: Preparing for the 2017 General Assembly”**

*Guests:* Senator Nancy King, District 39, and Delegate Kathleen Dumais, District 15

Senator King mentioned she spent the summer on childcare issues and working on affordable childcare, and that she is a member of the Fix270Now Coalition which is a Montgomery-Frederick county entity to advocate for improvements on I-270. Delegate Dumais mentioned that she serves on the Judiciary Committee and she worked on a bill that passed last year on police accountability; the law makes police actions more transparent.

**Chair's Report** – Mr. Edmunds announced that there is a public hearing scheduled for November 1, 2016 to discuss bills 38-16 and 39-16. A representative from County Councilmember Tom Husker's office explained both bills at UCAB's September meeting. Both bills focus on improving the quality of life in neighborhoods.

**Committee / Liaison Reports** –Chairman Edmunds mentioned that due to inactivity of some of the liaison boards and committees, he has asked staff to confirm the status of each group. At this point, there are four inactive committees which will be removed from UCAB's agenda until they are re-activated. He also asked for a volunteer to represent the UCAB on the Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee.

Quality of Life Committee Chair Linda Moore made a motion to the Board to send a letter supporting an increase in the percentage that Visit Montgomery receives from the county's hotel tax. Visit Montgomery President Kelli Groff stated in her discussion with the Quality of Life Committee on October 17, 2016, that additional funds would put them in line with other surrounding jurisdictions in resources for promoting Montgomery County and delivering other services. The motion was made by Kevin Linck in support of sending a letter and seconded by William Roberts. The board voted to approve the motion; 10 in favor and 2 abstentions. After some discussion, a second motion was made by Mr. Linck to amend the first motion in order to recognize in the letter Visit Montgomery's additional work in helping to brand and market the Agricultural Reserve which requires an increased share of hotel tax revenues. The board voted to approve the motion; 10 in favor, 2 abstentions. Ms. Moore will prepare a draft for the staff to finalize.

**Community Concerns/Comments-** None.

The meeting was adjourned (motion by K. Linck and seconded by W. Roberts).

*Board Attendance:* Dennis Barnes, Andrew Dibonge, Arthur Edmunds, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Linda Moore, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, David Rosenbaum, Chen Tu, Kraig Walsleben, and Joel Yesley.

*Additional Guests:* Sharon St. Pierre, (Councilmember Rice), Warren Hanson (Councilmember Berliner), Laurie Anne Sayles, Brianna Hurwitz (WHAG-TV), Richard Wilder, Joe Nelson.

*Staff:* Catherine Matthews, Chiffon Smith